

WITH BROOKLYN HANDICAP WON BY GEORGE SMITH'S HOWARD MANN,

AT THE
HALF
MILE

'Twas a Runaway Race.

Featherweights Led.

the Favorites Were
the Laggards.Strangers Bore
Off the Palms.

HOW IT WAS RUN.

Howard Mann Got Into Good Place
at Once, Stayed There to the
Stretch and Won Easily.

By Francis Trevelyan.

FROM a spectacular standpoint the Brooklyn Handicap of 1897 was a failure; from a racing standpoint it was only a partial failure. The roar that greeted the two-year-old selling plater, Sly Fox, when he fought his way to the front inch by inch, and, overcoming the supreme disadvantage of having been almost left at the post, won a handsome victory, was louder and much more real than that which greeted Howard Mann's easy win.

The upshot was a surprise, but that was not the cause for the comparative silence. The horse won too easily, won all the way. The sight that greeted the eyes of visitors to Gravesend confirmed the worst fears as to the condition of the going. While the track was not so slow as might have been expected, the rain having been so heavy as to beat the soil down, it was soaked from rail to rail and much water lay on its surface. In the two-year-old stake the half mile was run in better than 0:30, showing conclusively that there was a sound bottom, but the same event also proved, with Frohman as the particular example, that the going was of the kind to bother some race horses. This condition of affairs made it inevitable that there would be some changes in the makeup of the Handicap field. Some rejoiced at this, for they believed that the unfortunate number of thirteen horses carded had brought the rain; and was not the day of the month 31, the mystic number reversed? The chops and changes reduced the field to eleven. Charley Hughes had made up his mind on Sunday not to start Free Advice, as the little horse seemed to be a bit out of his class. After him the blue pencil went through the names of The Winner, Harry Reed and Merry Prince, John Hyland delaying the scratching of the last named till Mr. Belmont reached the course. He would have carried a lot of money, and his stable did not think he could do himself justice in the mud, so his withdrawal was sportswomen's. The same reason, dislike of mud, prompted the scratching of Harry Reed and The Winner. In place of the latter Mr. Smith added his other four-year-old, Howard Mann, who, to use the old winter track expression, "just eats mud," and Covington and Kent elected to be represented by The Swain. Howard Mann was in at 106 pounds, and Tod Slone had the choice of riding him or Belmar, but stuck to the gray, leaving the added starter to "Skeets" Martin. Van Kuren, declared 3 pounds overweight and rode The Swain at 100 pounds.

All the horses, with the exception of Jefferson, warmed up in the mud. The veteran, Sir Walter, was the first to show up and looked fit as skill could make him. The stranger, Loki, attracted much attention. He is a neat horse that shows considerable quality, and the race he ran in going, which is known to be very unfavorable to him, commands respect and emphasizes the fact that the trial in 2:07½, that he showed before Dr. McLean shipped him East was no false line. Volley and

The Swain both struck the eye as up to a bruiser race.

Mr. Smith's pair, Belmar and Howard Mann, contrasted strongly. The former had never looked better, hard and hearty, with a bright gleam in his iron gray coat. Howard Mann, tall and lean, seemed a big gaudy customer beside his stable mate, and despite his comparative lack of flesh did not seem so hard. Bill Smith was, however, confident that he had done enough with the horse. On Sunday afternoon he had openly announced that he would start Howard Mann if it rained, and had added: "And he will win if it does rain."

Handspring looked in perfect trim. His bar plates had been taken off, so as not to hamper him in the heavy going, and he was run without the usual strap to support his weak foot. Frank McCabe said that he had no possible excuse to make if the colt was beaten, except that his feet are chronically bad. He added: "They will have to run in better than 2:00 to beat him."

turn in such going. With the exception of Handspring none of the heavyweights seemed able to improve his position, but going to the half-mile post Handspring headed Howard Mann for a moment.

But Martin was not at all inclined to relinquish his advantage, and he kept his horse going, and, when the six furlongs had been reeled off in 1:15½, the five furlongs in 1:03¾, he was a length and a half to the good, the quarter from the half-mile post being run in 0:25¼. That quarter settled the chances of many, and at the end of it all the heavyweights were beginning to labor, Loki running into second place.

From this point to the finish the issue was never in doubt. Martin to some extent made every post a winning post, but he was not in too great a hurry, showing patience, but just letting Howard Mann know that this race was for blood, not for fun. The seven furlongs were made in 1:20

came Handspring and Sir Walter, and, struggling in as named, King Arthur II., Belmar, Ben Eder, Jefferson and The Swain.

The Summaries.

First Race—Purse, \$450; handicap for all ages, six furlongs.
E. N. Wise's b. m. Mistral, 6, by Kinglike 3-1
Cyclone, 103.....(Mabey) 1
W. C. Daly's br. c. Arabian, 8 111.....(Lamby) 2
W. B. Sink, Sr.'s ch. g. Yemen, 3, 113.....(H. Shields) 3

Time—1:15¼.

Hi Daddy, 108 pounds; Harrington, 119; Passover, 108; The Manxman, 117, and Tania, 104, also ran.

Betting—Mistral, 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Arabian, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1; Yemen, 11 to 5 and 4 to 5; Hi Daddy, 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Harrington, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1; Passover, 6 to 1 and 2 to 1; The Manxman, 6 to 1 and 2 to 1; Tania, 40 to 1 and 15 to 1.
Won in a drive by a head; a neck between second and third.

THE BETTING.

Sight. Pl.	Closing.
3-1 1-1 Howard Mann.....	3-1 1-1
10-1 4-1 Lake Shore.....	10-1 4-1
12-1 5-1 Volley.....	15-1 6-1
15-1 5-1 Loki.....	20-1 8-1
3-1 6-5 Handspring.....	5-1 2-1
10-1 3-1 Sir Walter.....	10-1 4-1
12-1 5-1 King Arthur II.....	15-1 6-1
3-1 1-1 Belmar.....	3-1 1-1
5-1 8-5 Ben Eder.....	8-1 3-1
15-1 5-1 Jefferson.....	15-1 6-1
20-1 8-1 The Swain.....	30-1 10-1

by Kinglike-Juliette, 119.....(Slone) 2
J. R. Keene's b. f. Come Quick, by Tourmaline—Orchids, 119.....(Thorpe) 3

George Keene, 113 lbs.; Mr. Butler, 115; Frohman, 118; Fixed Star, 113; Handspring, 113; Cherry Picker, 115, and Storm Queen, 110, also ran.

Betting—Handspring and Handspring (coupled), 15 to 5 and 4 to 5; L'Alouette, 3 to 1 and even; Come Quick, 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; George Keene, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1; Mr. Butler, 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Frohman, 2 to 1 and 7 to 10; Fixed Star and Cherry Picker (coupled), 15 to 1 and 5 to 1; Storm Queen, 15 to 1 and 5 to 1.
Won in a drive by a head; four lengths between second and third.

Fourth Race—The Brooklyn Handicap—\$10,000; for three-year-olds and upward. One mile and a quarter.
George E. Smith's b. c. Howard Mann, 4, by Duke of Montrose—Somew, 106

F. L. Parker's ch. h. Lake Shore, 9, by Ferandole—Guayquil, 106.....(Sherrey) 2
W. C. Daly's br. g. Volley, 4, by The Sailor Prince—Vestabell, 95.....(Lamby) 3

Loki, 108 pounds; Handspring, 125; Sir Walter, 125; King Arthur II., 103; Belmar, 121; Ben Eder, 113; Jefferson, 90, and The Swain, 100, also ran.

Betting—Howard Mann and Belmar (coupled), 8 to 1 and even; Lake Shore, 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Volley, 15 to 1 and 6 to 1; Loki, 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Handspring, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1; Sir Walter, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1; King Arthur II., 15 to 1 and 6 to 1; Ben Eder, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1; Jefferson, 15 to 1 and 6 to 1; The Swain, 30 to 1 and 10 to 1.
Won easily by three lengths; two lengths between second and third.

Fifth Race—Purse \$400; for two-year-olds; selling, five furlongs.
F. Heenan's ch. c. Sir Fox, by Magnetar—Darcy, 110.....(Daggett) 1
L. Elmer's b. c. Blueway, 105.....(Thorpe) 2
Hayman & Frank's br. c. Demagogue, 100, (Coyne) 3

Time—1:03¼.
Brentwood, 95; Red Gild, 92; False Pride, 109; Elleen D., 87; Commercial Traveller, 100, also ran.

Betting—Sir Fox, 6 to 5 and 1 to 2; Blueway, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1; Demagogue, 5 to 2 and even; Brentwood, 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Red Gild, 10 to 1 and 6 to 1; False Pride, 4 to 1 and 1 to 2; Elleen D., 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Commercial Traveller, 12 to 1 and 6 to 1.
Won ridden out by three lengths; a length between second and third.

Sixth Race—The Kensington Hurdle Stakes, \$1,250; for four-year-olds and upward; one mile and three-quarters, over seven hurdles.
C. W. Stanton's b. c. Sir Vassar, 4, by Sir Ditton—Vassar, 144.....(Anderson) 1
J. Collett's ch. g. Flushing, 6, by Pirate of Penzance—Ellie, 105.....(Black) 2
J. Shields's b. g. McKee, 5, by Tremont—Sequencia, 101.....(Dunlap) 3

Time—3:24.
Dr. Grimes, 141, also ran.

Betting—Sir Vassar, 3 to 1 and even; Flushing, 7 to 5 and 1 to 2; McKee, 15 to 10 and 1 to 2; Dr. Grimes, 10 to 1 and 5 to 1.
Won cleverly by three lengths; eight lengths between second and third.

HOWARD MANN
WIN

"Pittsburg Phil" ded to the the
Lake Shore
"Father"
Harry Reed
Merry Prince

FIRST
SECOND
THIRD
FOURTH
FIFTH
SIXTH

This Horse Won \$68,000 for His Owner, "Pittsburg Phil," Yesterday—\$8,000 as a Prize, the Rest in Bets.

Sir Walter was actually in front when the red banner fell, but failed to hold his pride of place. The Swain jumping out in front at a good clip, with Howard Mann in close attendance and Handspring the most conspicuous of the others. As the field swept by the grand stand the two leaders had the peacemaking all to themselves, while the others had already tailed out. Volley was trailing far back last. Lamby apparently being unable to make him extend himself. Around into the backstretch there was no change of importance till the half-mile post was reached, when The Swain began to lose his place, and was soon back in the pack in hopeless difficulties. Meanwhile the pace was good, the quarter being run in 0:25, the three furlongs in 0:37½, and the half in 0:50¼, a rare clip around the

and the mile in 1:43¼. The leader's advantage kept steadily increasing, and Loki who turned into the stretch second, looked as if he might be second.

Suddenly the two horses who had whipped in the field in the early stages, Lake Shore, Sherrier up, and Volley, dropped from the clouds. Volley came with such a rattle that for a second it looked as if he might possibly catch the leader, but the gap was too big.

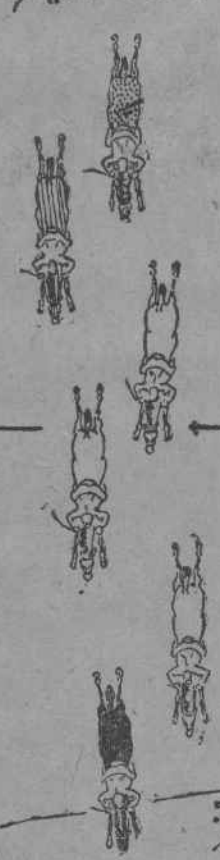
Sherrier was able to help his horse more than Lamby, and when Howard Mann passed the post an easy winner in 2:00¼, the chestnut was second, three lengths away, while Volley who ran through out the race purely on his own courage, was two lengths behind Lake Shore, only beating Loki a neck. Then

Second Race—Purse, \$400; for three-year-olds and upward, selling, one mile and a sixteenth.
P. J. Dwyer's br. h. Declare, 6, by Strathford—Clara, 110.....(Sims) 1
L. Elmer's ch. g. Bruno, 3, 86.....(Mabey) 2
Ruby Stables's b. c. Parmesan, 3, 89.....(Powers) 3

Time—1:01.
Eastertide, 89 lbs.; Cromwell, 100, and Emotional, 96, also ran.

Betting—Declare, 11 to 5 and 4 to 5; Bruno, 5 to 2 and 4 to 5; Parmesan, 7 to 1 and 3 to 2; Eastertide, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1; Cromwell, 7 to 2 and 6 to 5; Emotional, 15 to 1 and 6 to 1.
Won easily by one and a half lengths; two lengths between second and third.

Third Race—The Expectation Stakes, \$5,000; for two-year-olds; allowances. Half a mile.
P. J. Dwyer's ch. c. Handball, by Hanover—Keenpake, 113 lbs.....(Sims) 1
L. S. & W. P. Thompson's b. f. L'Alouette,

AT THE
3/4 POST

3/4

Howard Mann
Lake Shore
Volley
The Field

THE START



AN ADDED STARTER, AT 3 TO 1, IN 2.093-4, BEFORE 20,000 PEOPLE.